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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION congratulating the Northeast Dubois High School Spell Bowl team on its ninth consecutive state championship in the Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl.

Whereas, The Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl is a statewide competition;

Whereas, Ten students and three alternates make up each team in the Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl;

Whereas, Each team in the Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors;

Whereas, Unlike spelling bees, each student team member in the Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl spells the selected words

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in writing on answer sheets in rounds consisting of nine words, and each team member contributes to the team score;

Whereas, On November 11, 2000, the Northeast Dubois High School Spell Bowl team of Mark Gadlage, John Neukam, Tina Beckman, Janelle Woolsey, Alison Betz, Kathy Frick, Brittany Voelkel, Melissa Clauson, Rachel Cartwright, and Nick Woolsey, and alternates Quintin Merkel, Kirby Frank, and Julia Nathan, successfully captured the school's 11th state title and ninth consecutive championship, something no other school in Indiana has been able to accomplish;

Whereas, The Northeast Dubois High School Spell Bowl team is coached by Connie Hemsel, who is in her 14th year as coach;

Whereas, During this time, the team qualified for the state competition for 14 consecutive years and finished in third place once, and second place twice in addition to the 11 state titles; and

Whereas, Academic excellence such as this deserves special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 congratulate the Northeast Dubois High School Spell Bowl team on its
- 3 recent victory and to wish the team members continued success in
- 4 future competitions.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the
- 7 Northeast Dubois High School Spell Bowl team, coach Connie Hemsel,
- 8 Principal Phil Chapple, and Superintendent Dan Balka.

